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IN RE APPLICATION OF: ALFRED

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FOR:

METHOD FOR REPAIRING A CONNECTING DEVICE...

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- □ No additional fee is required
- □ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

w/marked-up copy, Petition For Extension of Time (1), Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.608, Comparison-Claims of 08/966,368 with USP 5,557,837.

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

. CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	44	MINUS	44	0	× \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	4	MINUS	4	0	× \$84 =	\$0.00
		□ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS + \$280 =				\$0.00
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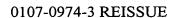
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.608

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Applicants herein state that there is a basis upon which the Applicants are entitled to a judgement relative to the patentee. Specifically, Applicants are entitled to their convention priority date under 35 U.S.C. §119, January 26, 1995. Since the convention priority date is prior to the effective filing date of U.S. patent 5,573,414, there is a basis upon which Applicants are entitled to a judgement relative to the patentee.

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